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1. DUTCH EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY VAN EBBENHORST TENGBERGEN GAVE POLITICAL COUNSELOR LENGTHY AND DETAILED ACCOUNT OF QUARLES VAN UFFORD'S SEPT 5-8 CONVERSATIONS IN WARSAW WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI AND OTHER RANKING MFA OFFICIALS, AT TIMES TRANSLATING DIRECTLY FROM THE DUTCH EMBASSY'S REPORTING CABLES TO THE HAGUE. TENGBERGEN SAID THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS WAS WARM AND FRIENDLY, WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED IN PART TO FACT THAT OLSZOWSKI'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE HAGUE HAS NOW BEEN SET FOR JAN 1974. THIS WILL BE THE MUCH POSTPONED RESULT OF A 1967 INVITATION FROM THEN DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER LUNS TO THEN POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER RAPACKI. THE VISIT WAS POSTPONED BY THE DUTCH BECAUSE OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE
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FACT THAT IT IS NOW ON AGAIN MARKS THE HIGH POINT IN

DUTCH-POLISH RELATIONS FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS.

2. TENGBERGEN SAID THERE WAS LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL REALTIONS, LARGELY BECAUSE BOTH QUARLES AND DE HOOP SCHEFFER ARE NEW TO THEIR POSITIONS. WHAT THERE WAS CENTERED LARGELY ON POLISH HOPES FOR SOME KIND OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN TRADE, POSSIBLE INCLUDING JOINT VENTURES BASED ON DUTCH TECHNOLOGY. THIS CAME OUT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH VICE MINISTER CZYREK WHO EXPRESSED GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE INSIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN POLISH -WEST GERMAN TRADE SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE POLISH-FRG AGREEMENT ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO. TENGBERGEN CHARACTERIZED CZYREK AS OUTSPOKEN IN CRITICISM OF THE FRG APPROACH TO POLISH AFFAIRS SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT. CZYREK SAID " YOU KNOW THAT OUR REALTIONS WITH THE GERMANS ARE AT AN IMPASSE," AND ADDED THAT THE GERMANS SEEMS TO HAVE REGARDED THE AGREEMENT AS A FINAL ACT RATHER THAN A POSITIVE BASIS ON WHICH TO BUILD. TENGBERGEN SAID IT WAS CAREFULLY POINTED OUT TO CZYREK THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT HAD NO CENTRAL MECHANISM FOR STIMULATING TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES. TENGBERGEN GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT CZYREK HAD SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO PHILLIPS AS A FIRM THE POLES WERE INTERESTED IN DOING MAJOR BUSINESS WITH.

3. CSCE - CSCE WAS THE MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN QUARLES AND FORMIN OLSZOWSKI. OLSZOWSKI EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HELSINKI AND SAID POLAND HAD ALREADY TAKEN OR WAS IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING THE STEPS WHICH WERE CALLED FOR AT HELSINKI. MANELY, POLAND HAD OPENED ITS BORDERS WITH THE GDR AND WITH AUSTRIA TO THE FREEMOVEMENT OF PEOPLES ON A BILATERAL BASIS. POLAND ALSO WAS NEGOTIATING WITH THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND EXPECTED TO BE IN A POSITION SOON TO ABOLISH VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITORS FROM SCANDINAVIA. THE ONLY BARRIER TO A BROADER STIMULUS TO TOURISM WAS A LACK OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT FACILITIES IN POLAND FOR RECEIVING TOURISTS AND SHORTAGE OF HARD CURRENCY FOR POLISH TOURISTS. AS FOR THE FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, OLSZOWSKI SAID POLAND WAS PREPARED TO MOVE AS FAR AS IT COULD IN THIS AREA WITHOUT PERMITTING AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFLUX OF INFORMATION DELETERIOUS TO POLISH SOCIETY. IN THIS REGARD OLSZOWSKI SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO THE NECESSITY OF BANNING THE IMPORTATION OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS WHICH CIRCULATE FREELY IN MANY WESTERN COUNTRIES AND ALSO OF COUNTERACTING RFE BROADCASTING TO POLAND, OF WHICH CZYREK WAS POINTEDLY CRITICAL. AT FIRST OLSZOWSKI MAINTAINED THE NECESSITY OF A FORMAL STATEMENT ON AN AGREED POSITION EMERGING FROM CSCE BY CHRISTMAS, BUT HE LATER

AGREED WITH THE DUTCH POSITION THAT IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO OBTAIN CONCRETE AGREEMENTS AND THAT THIS MIGHT TAKE 3-4 MONTHS AT A MINIMUM.

4. MBFR - TENGBERGEN CHARACTERIZED THE DISCUSSION ON MBFR, WHICH WAS LARGELY WITH BOGUNIL RYCHLOWSKI, DIRECTOR OF THE MFA'S DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES AND PROGRAMMING, AND THE POLISH MBFR REPRESENTATIVE AT VIENNA, TADEUSZ STRULAK, AS DEALING WITH VAGUE FORMULATIONS. QUARLES PROBED WITH REGARD TO THE POLISH POSITION ON CONSTRAINTS AND VERIFICATION AND GOT LITTLE IN RESPONSE OTHER THAN A STATEMENT BY RYCHLOWSKI THAT VERIFICATION COULD BE DISCUSSED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF SEEKING A MEANS TO AN END, BUT IT COULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO BECOME AN END IN ITSELF. RYCHLOWSKI ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE POLES BELIEVED THAT REDUCTIONS IN NATIONAL FORCES SHOULD COME FIRST BECAUSE THIS WAS THE AREA WHERE POLAND WOULD REALIZE BUDGETARY SAVINGS WHICH COULD THEN BE DEVOTED TO OTHER MORE PRESSING ECONOMIC NEEDS. IN THIS CONTEXT RYCHLOWSKI SAID THE POLES WERE NOT OPPOSED TO REDUCTIONS IN STATIONED FORCES PROCEEDING CONCURRENTLY BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF REDUCTION IN NATIONAL FORCES.

5. TENGBERGEN SAID HE WOULD BE LEAVING IN A WEEK FOR GENEVA TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE DUTCH CSCE DELEGATION BUT HE EXPECTS TO BE RETURNING TO WARSAW WITHIN A MONTH OR SO.
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